

throw in one dollar to give it greater impetus.

May God give His blessing to the cause, and may Ashland College send forth many zealous Christians and ministers.

Husband and I and sister Stevens are isolated but not forgotten.—Bro. Mason preaches for us occasionally.—May God bless his efforts to establish a church here. Hope the traveling brethren will not forget us.

CATHARINE HOLMAN.

West Manchester, Ohio.

Lancaster, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR:—We feel very much encouraged on our way Zionward since we had the privilege of hearing the word of God so faithfully preached to us by Bro. McFaden. If the time was short and the congregation small the promises were with us, and good results will follow. We appreciate your kindness very much, brethren, in remembering us, in sending an EVANGELIST. We trust you may soon do so again. The Lord will reward all that do his will.

SISTER KLINE.

Field Echoes.

Held a few meetings at home, but the roads and condition of my health were such that I deemed it prudent to postpone. One was baptized. Had a good social meeting at the home of sister Minnie Loose. Came to Milford, Ind., Saturday, April 3rd, had a funeral to preach Saturday, 10 o'clock a. m. Little Ethel, the only child of our kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks, aged 1 year, 6 months and 14 days. She was a sweet little child whose short stay on earth will be a source of enjoyment even for bereaved parents to revert to. There is a peculiar power in the sorrow for the dead. Who would seek to be divorced from it? None but parents know the enjoyment of prattle and smiles while children are in our homes, but when taken from us by the death-messenger those childhood beauties still cluster about us and we realize Providence had blessings in store for us even amid bereavement, such as this, so hard to bear. Be patient dear parents. Your interest in Heaven is multiplied greatly in this event. Only a little while and you shall meet that sweet babe among the Angels of God.

“Over the river they beckon to me,  
Loved ones who have crossed to the other side.

The gleam of the snowy robes I see,  
Their voices are drowned in the rushing tides.”

Seek the life-giving blood of Jesus. Let all doubts and fears vanish. “Weeping may endure for the night but joy cometh in the morning.”

O the blessed resurrection morning! When all tears shall be wiped away. The tender, loving voice of Jesus whispers, “I am the life.” He has entered the tomb before us that we may have consolation in death. Truly it were not for this hope we would be most miserable. Give me the hope that is as an anchor sure and steadfast reaching out beyond the turbulent waters of affliction and bereavement to where Jesus our Redeemer abides and all the good of earth. Our children and all who have repented and been made like little children, a sinless throng clothed from the wardrobe of

Heaven, fed from the living fountain of waters by the hand Divine. Glorified myriads! Why do so many turn their eyes away ere the angel of promise hovers over the soul and cries, “He that liveth and believeth shall never die.”

“Lord help us to love Thee more and more till this fleeting life is o'er!”

Filled the appointment over Sabbath at Milford and Nappanee. Good congregations at each service. One added to the Nappanee class by letter from the G. B's. Came to New Paris, six miles north of Milford, yesterday. Began work with a fair congregation last eve. We have but one member here, but think more can be reported before the meeting closes. The interest in mission work is commendable in Northern Ind. Bro. Muntz has collected about \$30. and the sisters have not been asked to give anything yet. We shall report them in a future article. Milford is progressive you see, and it is natural for them to work when you give them something to do, as it is for the sun to shine when the clouds uncover the vault of blue.

It was my privilege to see the draft of the new church house to be built in Milford. It is going to be a credit to the town, to the cause, and especially to our good brethren.

The plan of raising mission funds is to appoint a solicitor in each church; also take up a public collection once each three months, and forward the amount to Bro. David R. Stutsman, Treasurer, Dunlap, Ind.

Let every congregation attend to this promptly. Send all calls for preaching to Bro. Guilford Leslie, Nappanee, Ind. Don't forget to enclose stamps for reply, as it will divide the financial burden which is quite an item in the aggregate.

R. F. MALLOTT.

New Paris, Ind.

Miami Valley Items.

While passing along in the vicinity of the Bear Creek Church last Wednesday, I was informed that one more united with that congregation and was baptized last Sunday.

Three weeks ago I was called to Little York, about eight miles north of Dayton, to dedicate a room to the service and worship of God. The room is the lower part of a public hall which has been leased for five years, and fitted up so that it makes a very comfortable commodious place of worship. A Sabbath school was organized with ninety scholars, and our energetic brother V. E. Wampler as superintendent. A prayer-meeting was also instituted. This is in the neighborhood of Shiloh Christian church, where I was locked out last winter. The outlook for doing good is very promising. We will hold meeting there every four weeks. Our next meeting here will be on Saturday evening and Sunday morning April 17 and 18.

There has been a great deal of sickness in this neighborhood. The family of Bro. Ben Bookwalter of Gratis, Ohio, has seen much affliction of late. First sister Bookwalter had a long sickness. She was not more than well than the little babe Ralphie was taken down with lung fever. And when we all thought he was

about well of it, he was again taken sick, which developed in a bad abscess making its appearance in the right side. He was very near the silent city. While the little boy was lying between life and death, another of the boys was taken with a severe attack of lung fever. They have the sympathy of the community, and we hope all will in the end be for good.

Sisters Kesling, Detamore, and Doty have all been very sick, but we are glad to say all are convalescing. Our sister Coler is, we are sorry to say, not much, if any better.

At a late council meeting at Gratis, Ohio, it was decided to make an effort to build a new church.

On last Monday I was called to the neighborhood of Covington, Miami County, Ohio, to preach the funeral of Bro. Michael Deeter. The funeral was preached in the German Baptist church very close to his residence. The deceased brother had won the respect of the community. The stroke was a heavy one on the family, and the parting scene was heart-rending. Bro. Michael in the last few months had taken an unusual interest in church matters. During our meetings at Winchester, he and brother Hemlick came down, a distance of 40 miles, to make arrangements for a revival meeting at their place. This contemplated meeting was very near to his heart, and he was very hopeful that it would accomplish much good. But alas! he never lived to enjoy to see his long-cherished plans fulfilled. He leaves a wife and nine children, five of whom are married. Some of them are still without the fold, but we hope that ere long they will follow the example of their dear father, and thus prepare to meet him again in eternity. A few days before his decease, Bro. Wrightsman of Kansas, and Elias Teeter anointed him in the name of the Lord. May God comfort and console the family in their great loss.

While attending this funeral I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Wrightsman of Kansas, who was in that locality on business. He and brother D. D. Wine very kindly assisted in the funeral services. Although both of these brethren stand identified with the German Baptists, they are very liberal and Christian in their views and conduct. While conversing with them I felt I was associating with kindred spirits.

I found during my visit in Miami County, that the Covington and Pleasant Hill churches were not as prosperous for some cause as they ought to be. Bro. Teeter and the late Bro. Deeter were the ministers in the Pleasant Hill church, and they were doing their utmost to build up the church. I have promised to hold a week's meetings there commencing Monday April 26th, when we hope many who have delayed this step for some cause or other, will make the grand decision. And it may be that we will make arrangements to preach for them once a month. May the Lord bless his cause at this place, and revive his work in the hearts of the brethren.

MISSION WORK.

From an Indiana correspondent I glean the following: “The

mission work of northern Indiana is starting finely. On last Sunday, a young man who has returned from Mount Morris College with a church certificate signed by S. Z. Sharp, J. G. Royer, E. A. on in the name of the “Brethren Church” handed it over to our church. It was read in the presence of a large congregation.”

The missionary zeal of the Brethren of northern Indiana deserves special commendation and encouragement. While in Miami County, I met Bro. Deeter of Syracuse, Ind., who was a relative of the deceased brother, and was there attending the funeral. I was wondering whether the late Missionary Convention at Milford amounted to anything practically. I had seen so much missionary enterprise exhaust itself in resolutions and fair sounding speeches, and—nothing more, that I was a little skeptical whether this would amount to anything. I was assured that everything was in working order. That the committee reported quite a little sum of money in their treasury. As the result of this meeting, New Paris, where there is only one member, was taken under the fostering care of the new mission board, and as a consequence Bro. Mallott is now there holding a protracted meeting. This example is worthy imitation by all the other states, more especially Ohio where the Brethren Church was reorganized, that wants to claim so much glory in this progressive movement, ought not to be behind our neighbor state.

In this locality alone we could accomplish much. During last year we had seven regular preaching places, where appointments were filled every two weeks. It was a heavy work for one man, not so much on account of preaching, but the driving it took to reach the places. One of them was 23 miles away, another 14 miles, another 8, another 18, and all these to be reached every two weeks was rather much of an undertaking for one who has two appointments each week at home. I can find more places to preach than I am able to fill.

Our new appointment at Little York comes in as a mission place. Then about six miles the other side of Miamisburg, I found some isolated members. I went there preached several times in an adjoining school house, but had to abandon it on account of “too much to do.” But no I did not abandon it exactly, I turned it over to others, and that was about the last of it.

We must not forget our mission post at West Manchester and Eldorado, Preble County, Ohio. For over one year I visited and preached there, every two weeks, a distance of 23 miles. We have 3 members there, and a good prospect for a church. I had to abandon it temporarily, on account of other pressing engagements that could not be put off. Now this post must be looked after. It shall not be abandoned. As soon as the roads are better I expect to go up there. Now here is the reason we need a Mission fund. Had we this we could send some one there periodically. Now would it not be well to meet in Convention at the time of our Sunday School Convention, and see what can be done in this direction?

S. S. CONVENTION.

Concerning the time of the S. S. Convention of Ohio, while it would be very nice to be at the college during the commencement exercises, yet I think it is certainly too early. A great many of the people that expect to attend are farmers, and as we intend to have them remain a couple of days at least, we must consult their interests. The program will be ready in a couple of weeks, providing we can agree on the date.

EDWARD MASON.

Homerville, O.

April 9.—The Executive Committee of the Sunday School Convention are now and have been corresponding with each other in reference to the convention. We have not yet come to any definite conclusion as to the place of location.

The Louisville Brethren say they will take the convention, but if the Ashland Brethren want it they will submit. I will write to all the members of the committee and expect to be able to give the time and place next week.

H. S. JACOBS.

Somebody Hurt Again.

In EVANGELIST No 9, March 3, present vol., on first page, under heading of Hudson, Iowa, you will find a short report of a visit to Clayton Co. In this I say we found a number of members who were expelled and disowned by German Baptists. Now, in that report I use the very same words they used when telling us how they lost their membership. This has hurt an old Elder who writes his name E. K., very often, and who comes out in a very abusive letter and says he is one of the Elders referred to in my report and says it is untrue, that they did not expel a member in Clayton Co. I did not have reference to any innocent party, but to a guilty party, and as I have named no one, your name is not called in question. Why not wait until it is? Why are you complaining before you are censured? If you are innocent say so, but above all use less abuse and much more Christian courtesy in your writing and you and others will be much benefited thereby.

SAMUEL CAIN.

Waterloo, Iowa.

Sunday School Report.

Our Sunday-School at Bethlehem was organized April 5th, 1885. Up to Dec. 1st, the average attendance was 80½. As a general rule Sunday Schools in the country stop during the winter: not so at Bethlehem. We have continued ever since. Since the 1st of December to April 1st, 1886, our average has been 58. During this summer we will try and do as well as last, and even better. Roads have been in a very bad shape for the last 4 weeks, hence our average is not what it would be otherwise. Amount collected during this time is \$39.35. We use Cooks Sunday School Supplies. We think they are the best.

T. B. GIGOUS, Cor. Sec.

Evangelist Fund.

J. W. Beachey, \$3.50

Sister's Band to Raise \$1,000 for Ashland College.

Eliza Garver 1.00 Margaret Brown 1.00  
Lydia Buzzard 1.00 Sarah Hufford 1.00  
Catharine Holman 1.00 Huband 1.00  
Willie Mong 1.00 Nancy Miller 1.00